

MISSOURI RAPID RESPONSE PROGRAM

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE

To provide employers and employees, who are effected by business closings or cutbacks, with information and assistance to help alleviate the unemployment and economic distress that results from these employment actions.

AUTHORIZATION

The Workforce Investment Act: Chapter 5
Section 131 & Chapter 5 Section 134 (A)(2)(A)

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Upon announcement of a business closure or layoff, the Division of Workforce Development Rapid Response Team will contact the employer to develop a series of meetings with the workers. These meeting will explain the services available to the workers to assist them in finding new employment.

The Rapid Response Team will ensure that:

- ?? Meetings with the employees are held on site with the cooperation of the employer.
- ?? All agencies are available to the affected workers to give out information and answer questions on their programs. This may include local Workforce Investment Boards, other offices of the Missouri Department of Economic Development, and the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.
- ?? Assistance is provided to local communities to assist in responding to the closure or layoff.
- ?? Additional meetings are provided for workers as needed for skill testing and assessment, labor market information, and the development of resumes and re-employment plans.

ELIGIBLE AREAS

Statewide

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Employers who are experiencing or about to experience a reduction of their workforce are encouraged to contact the Division of Workforce Development Rapid Response Team to develop an effective plan to assist the affected workers.

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Rapid Response services are available to all Missouri employers and affected workers.

CONTACT

Dislocated Worker Unit
Missouri Division of Workforce Development
P.O. Box 1087
Jefferson City, MO 65102-1087
Phone: 800/877-8698
Web Site: www.ecodev.state.mo.us/wfd

OTHER SERVICES OF DED

DED REGIONAL OFFICES

St. Louis (314) 340-6823
Kansas City (816) 889-2900
Trenton (660) 359-5960
Springfield (417) 888-4001
Moberly (660)269-8802
Dexter (573) 624-9950
Houston (417) 967-5770
Jefferson City (573) 751-0482

RELAY MISSOURI SERVICE

Voice user calling a hearing/speech impaired user: 800-735-2466.
Hearing/Speech impaired user calling a voice user: 800-735-2966.

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

DED's Division of Workforce Development works in collaboration with its one-stop career system partners to offer workforce development

assistance to job seekers and employers. By using the State's network of one-stop career centers, customers can access America's Job Bank, seek referral and placement assistance, career counseling and testing, labor market information and use Missouri WORKS!, an Internet based, self-service workforce development tool. To find your nearest Division of Workforce Development location, consult your telephone directory under State Government or visit www.ecodev.state.mo.us/wfd